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FOREIGN MINISTER CHATCHAI CHUNHAWAN GAVE A PRESS CONFERENCE JUNE 17. THE FOLLOWING IS AN UNOFFICIAL USIS TRANSLATION OF HIS REMARKS ON THAI-DRV RELATIONS. BEGIN EXCERPTS:

REPORTER: I HAVE HEARD THAT NORTH VIETNAM HAS INVITED YOU TO PAY AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO HANOI. IS THAT TRUE?

CHATCHAI: THE INVITATION IS FOR NEXT MONTH, ANY TIME FROM JULY 10 TO 20.

REPORTER: DOES THAT MEAN THE VISIT CONCERNS THE SIGNING OF THE AGREEMENT NORTH VIETNAM CAME TO NEGOTIATE HERE RECENTLY?

CHATCHAI: THERE ARE STILL SOME CLAUSES ON WHICH AGREEMENT HAS NOT BEEN REACHED YET, BUT ONLY ONE OR TWO CLAUSES, AND WE SAID THAT WE WILL GO AND CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS IN HANOI.

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REPORTER: WHAT WERE THE MATTERS ON WHICH AGREEMENT COULD NOT BE REACHED?

CHATCHAI: (LAUGHS) SORRY, I CAN'T TELL YOU.

REPORTER: EH* WILL YOU BE ABLE TO GO IN TIME IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INVITATION?

CHATCHAI: I CAN'T SAY YET, BUT THERE IS STILL CONSIDERABLE TIME.

REPORTER: IF YOU GO TO CHINA ON JUNE 27, ABOUT WHEN DO YOU EXPECT TO RETURN?

CHATCHAI: I WILL LEAVE ON JUNE 27 AND RETURN ON JULY 3.

REPORTER: IN THAT CASE, YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO GO TO NORTH VIETNAM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TIME FIXED IN THE INVITATION. DO YOU THINK THERE WILL BE ANY OTHER PROBLEM IN REGARD TO VIETNAM?

CHATCHAI: AGREEMENT WILL MOST PROBABLY BE REACHED, SO THERE SHOULD BE NO PROBLEM. WHITEHOUSE

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